

1. (Previously Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein said base has a lower surface providing a lower occlusal table which is generally perpendicular to the inner flange.

2. (Previously Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein said base has an upper occlusal table which is inclined to the inner flange by an angle of between 100 and 120 degrees.

3. (Currently Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion which has a length extending between the two arms, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein the mouthguard includes a thickened portion of said outer flange, said thickened portion being provided thickened across the entire length of said front portion so as to provide a labial shield.

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4. (Currently Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein the base has a lower surface provided with a shield in the form of a ridge adjacent the outer flange extending substantially along each arm.

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5. (Currently Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and outer flange joined by a base, wherein said base has an upper surface adapted to be engaged by a user's upper teeth with the forward portion thereof being raised relative to arm portions thereof.

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6. (Previously Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped"

configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein the mouthguard includes a body of a "C-shaped" configuration, with said arms having end extremities, said mouthguard further including a labial shield embedded in said front portion and extending therefrom through the arms to adjacent extremities thereof so as to provide shield portions in each arm, said body and shield being formed of plastics material, with said shield being more

rigid than said body.

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7. (Original) The mouthguard of claim ²⁶6, wherein the shield is a single piece.

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8. (Original) The mouthguard of claim ²⁶6, wherein said shield is formed of a set of shield members including a front part embedded in said front portion, and two rear parts separate to the front part, each rear part being located in a respective one of the arms.

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9. (Previously Amended) A mouthguard of generally "C-shaped" configuration so as to provide a front portion and two arms diverging rearwardly from the front portion, the mouthguard being of a "U-shaped" transverse cross-section so as to provide an inner and an outer flange joined by a base, wherein internal surfaces of the body are provided with deformable key means to engage a mouldable material to be received within the body, the key means being plastically deformable to retain the mouldable material.

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10. (Previously Amended) The mouthguard body of claim ²⁹9, wherein means comprises deformable projections.

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11. (Original) The mouthguard of claim ³⁰10, wherein the deformable projections are located on said base.

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~~14.~~ (Previously amended) A mouthguard having a mouthguard body according to claim 9, and mouldable material contained within the mouthguard body.

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~~15.~~ (Previously Amended) The mouthguard of claim ~~14~~³², wherein the keying means are deformable projections and projections are deformed to engage the mouldable material.

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~~16.~~ (Previously Amended) The mouthguard of claim ~~14~~³², wherein the mouldable material is vinyl containing polydimethylsiloxane.

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~~17.~~ (Original) The mouthguard of claim ~~16~~³⁴, wherein the mouthguard body is formed of an EVA copolymer.

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~~18.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein the base has an upper occusal table which is inclined with respect to the inner flange by an angle of between 100 and 120 degrees.

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~~19.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein said outer flange includes a thickened portion at said front portion.

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(Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein said base has a lower surface provided with a shield adjacent to the outer flange, said shield extending substantially along each said arm.

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(Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein said base has an upper surface with a forward portion raised relative to arm portions thereof.

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(Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, including a body with said "C-shaped" configuration, said arms having end extremities, said mouthguard further including a labial shield embedded in said front portion and extending therefrom along the arms to the extremities thereof, said body and shield being formed of plastic material, with said shield being more rigid than said body.

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(Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 22, wherein the shield is a single piece.

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(Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 22, wherein said shield is formed of a set of shield members including a front part embedded in said front portion, and two rear parts separate from the front part, each rear part being located in a respective one of the arms.

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~~25.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein internal surfaces of the body are provided with deformable key means to engage a mouldable material to be received within the body, said key means being plastically deformed to retain the mouldable material in the body.

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~~26.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~25~~, wherein said deformable projections are located on said base.

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~~27.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard having a mouthguard body according to claim 26 and including said mouldable material within the mouthguard body.

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~~28.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~27~~, wherein said projections are deformed to engage the mouldable material.

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~~29.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~28~~, wherein said mouldable material is vinyl containing polydimethylisioxane.

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~~30.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~29~~, wherein said mouthguard body is formed of an EVA copolymer.

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~~31.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~26~~, wherein said deformable key means comprises hollow projections of a generally cylindrical

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configuration.

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~~32.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~18~~², wherein said outer flange includes a thickened portion at said front portion.

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~~33.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~32~~³, wherein the base has a lower surface provided with a shield adjacent to the outer flange, said shield extending substantially along each said arm.

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~~34.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim 1, wherein said base has an upper surface with a forward portion raised relative to arm portions thereof.

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~~35.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~18~~⁵, including a body of said "C-shaped" configuration, said arms having end extremities, said mouthguard further including a labial shield embedded in said front portion and extending therefrom along the arms to the extremities, said body and shield being formed of plastic material, with said shield being more rigid than said body.

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~~36.~~ (Previously Added) The mouthguard of claim ~~35~~⁶, wherein the shield is a single piece.

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The mouthguard of claim ⁶~~35~~, wherein said shield is formed of a set of shield members including a front part embedded in said front portion, and two rear parts separate from the front part, each rear part being located in a respective one of the arms.
